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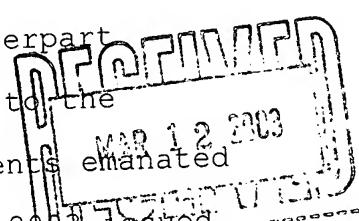
Sir:

The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the three English-language documents identified on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. Copies are provided. This submission is timely in that it is provided prior to the first action on the merits of this application.

This will also certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, these documents emanated from a European search report (ESR) dated February 4, 2003, issued in connection with the Applicant's corresponding EP application. A copy of the ESR is provided for the convenience of the Examiner, along with an Annex to the ESR to show patent family members for the citations.

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information in the Description of Related Art in the specification as filed, and make their consideration of record.

An early Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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